



James F. Crepeau

March 23, 1943 - January 23, 2026

James F. Crepeau, a lifelong resident of Michigan, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2026, in Troy, Michigan, at the age of 82. Born on March 23, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, Jim lived a life defined by family, faith and a tireless work ethic.

Jim was a devoted husband to Susanne for 53 years and a beloved father to his children, Lisa Smigiel and Kevin (Katie) Crepeau. His legacy of love continues through his cherished grandchildren, Nolan, Chloe, Ethan, and Grayson, who lovingly called him, “Grandpa Jimmy” and furry grand dogs, Saul, Archie, and Lacey.

He is survived by his siblings, Fr. John Crepeau and Tom (Diane) Crepeau, his sister, Kathleen (Ken) Lancharic and beloved Auntie Evelyn Tourville. He also leaves behind his brothers-in-law, Jerry Baranski and Tom (Doretta) Baranski, sister-in-law, Melody Baranski, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Cecelia Crepeau and Uncle Jerry Tourville. He had a special bond with his late in laws, Anthony and Emily Baranski, and brothers-in-law, Ron Baranski and Larry (Joanne) Baranski.

After the untimely passing of his father, Jim took on the role of a provider for his family at a young age, showcasing his dedication and resilience. He was

known for his entrepreneurial spirit, starting with his youthful endeavors delivering the "Dziennik Polski."

Music was a passion that enriched Jim's life; he was an accomplished accordion player. Jim taught music lessons at the Americana Studio and played 'band jobs' with Polka Joe and the Stereo Sounds performing at more than 300 weddings (many were classmates from St. Augustine Catholic Church on the east side of Detroit). He grew up across the street from St. Augustine, and the church played a large role in his childhood - serving as an altar boy. As a young adult, his career began in accounting after graduating from Walsh College, where his skills allowed him to thrive in the business world. However, as the economy evolved, Jim found a new calling in the funeral service industry, initially as a hearse driver and eventually as a vital team member at Wasik Funeral Home in Warren.

Jim's unwavering positivity and work ethic were evident to all who knew him, traits that he carried with him in every endeavor, working multiple jobs to provide for his family including delivering papers for the Detroit Free Press.

He was known for his storytelling and corny jokes – he had special memories as the first grandchild and eldest Crepeau cousin – riding up to Hancock, MI, in the UP, for summer vacations and eating pasties. He loved to travel with Sue to Vegas and Florida, and they took numerous family trips to Disney World and the Florida Keys with his grandchildren. He was an avid golfer with his son, Kevin, as they traveled around to play different courses. Jim also loved Detroit Sports – for better or worse – a passion he shared with his father. As his health declined, he enjoyed reading, sitting out in the sun and writing notes to family and friends.

Family, friends, and colleagues will gather to honor Jim's life and legacy. Visitation will be held at Wasik Funeral Home in Warren, MI, on Friday,

January 30th, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Additional services include an instate at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Sterling Heights, MI, on Saturday, January 31st, 2026, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 am.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wasik Funeral Home, whose care and support for the Crepeau family during this time are deeply appreciated.

Jim will be remembered for his joking nature, his kindness and his unwavering dedication to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished in the hearts of those who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

JAN 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

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warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate in church

JAN 31. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Malachy Catholic Church
14115 14 Mile
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Malachy Catholic Church
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Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Jim and I were also classmates at St. Augustine like Sam Tassone. As an altar boy, Jim and I served together at many masses. We would play hockey with a ball in the street. Jim was as good as Pavel Datsuk in handling the puck. I was in awe of him as he would beat me with every move he would make. His band also played at my wedding. They were great! Jim, rest in peace buddy. You are truly missed.*

Tom Berent

Tom Berent - March 22 at 09:43 AM

ST

“ Jim and I grew up together. We were neighbors on Eureka, we were altar servers together and classmates in school. (St. Augustine). I remember how excited he would get when his family was going to the U.P. I remember a tall lanky fellow who could chase down most fly ball and make it look soo easy.

The many evenings playing footwall in the street and how he could chase down anything I threw.

I also remember that I never heard him speak ill of anyone and how he was so helpful to others.

He was supportive and easy to get along with and truly cared for others.

His band play for our wedding even though he was in the wedding party.

He played while my wife, Joan walked to church and then he joined in the wedding service.

Jim was an example to all on how to live the true Christian life, through his actions how he lived his.

We lost touch when Joan and I moved and were trying to reconnect in Florida but then situations changed.

I regret that we never reconnected and I never had a chance to tell him what having him as a friend meant to me.

He will be in my prayers always.

Sal Tassone (Sam to you Michigan folks)

Sal Tassone - February 01 at 09:57 AM

GK

“ Our deepest sympathies are with you, Sue and your whole family. I am sorry we could not get to the funeral home or church as we were both under the weather, but we will keep Jim and all. Of you in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and Jim and your whole family. Jim will be missed.

Greg and Linda Kolasa - January 31 at 06:05 PM

BF

“ Bryan & Jenny Zech & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James F. Crepeau.



Bryan & Jenny Zech & Family - January 30 at 11:34 AM

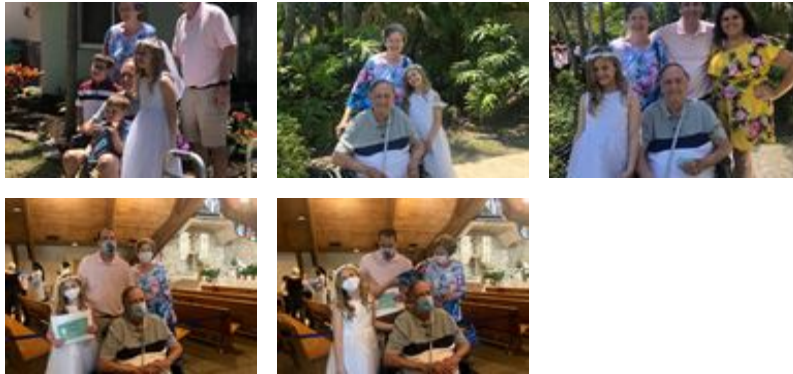
BF

“ We will miss our good friend and neighbor. A good neighbor for many years . He was a good, kind man. Rest in peace on your porch in heaven.

Buzzelli Family - January 30 at 06:31 AM



“ 118 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - January 29 at 11:02 AM

EF

“ *Ely, Dawson, Hayes and Flood Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James F. Crepeau.*



Ely, Dawson, Hayes and Flood Families - January 29 at 10:53 AM

AW

“ *I worked with Jim at Wasik's in Warren. He put up with my shenanigans for many years and was very kind. We had many laughs together. May he be at peace and my sympathies to his family. He always talked very highly of all of you. One could tell how much he loved and treasured his family.*
 kindest sympathies,
 Abbie Welby

Abigail Welby - January 28 at 06:12 PM

DD

Jim and I worked together for many years at the Wasik funeral home. He was very kind to show me the ropes of the funeral business and the operation of the funeral home itself. We would enjoy talking about our families and of course sports, especially the Tigers. When he retired we would keep in touch with phone calls and he would always ask me to get him the yearly calendars that were available at the funeral home around Christmas time. Jim, you were a great friend and you always showed class beyond comprehension. May you rest in peace, dear friend.

David Druzynski - January 28 at 08:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Crepeau.*



January 28 at 01:43 PM



“ *15 files added to the tribute wall*



Anthony B - January 27 at 03:48 PM